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TOPIC: 1. Polish Troops and Military Installations in Gleiwitz (Gliwice) 25X1A

2. Polish Inductions 25X1

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED 25X1A

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REFERENCES

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1. In mid-April 1952, only Polish army units were stationed at Gleiwitz (Q 51/X 37). [] About the fall of 1950, the Polish border guard troops left Gleiwitz and moved to posts on the present German-Polish and Czech-Polish borders. [] 25X1X Prior to the spring of 1952, the former Ulanen Kaserne quartered Polish motorized troops who wore red cap bands. From 10 to 12 rubber-tired guns were arranged in a line in the barracks yard. The unit included numerous ZIS trucks and jeeps. Local residents said that a motorized field artillery unit was stationed at Gleiwitz. Prior to the spring of 1952, the former Keith Kaserne also quartered Polish soldiers wearing red cap bands. ZIS trucks were seen at the installation.²

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2. A new cantonment of 8 to 10 single-story brick buildings was located in the northern sector of the city, on the east side of former Toster Strasse, which led toward Kretscham (Q 51/Y 38). In the spring of 1952, the installation was still unoccupied.

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3. In February 1952, an undetermined Soviet office was still located on the northeast side of ul. Kosciuszki, opposite the hospital. Soviet soldiers, apparently guards, were occasionally observed in the vicinity of this office.³

4. No Polish tank troops were located in Gleiwitz prior to April 1952. Tanks were, however, manufactured in a plant near Laband (Q 51/Y 38). [] a [] employed at this plant that it was inspected by Marshal Rokossovski in early 1952. The informant had never observed tanks in Gleiwitz.4

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6. Prior to April 1952, the former Polizei Kaserne on the south side of ul. Roosevelta Franklina, formerly Kampfbahnallee, in Hindenburg (Q 51/Y 47) 25X1 quartered an estimated 600 to 700 Polish soldiers who wore red cap bands. After the summer of 1951, 12 AA guns very similar to the German 88-mm AA gun, [redacted] were observed in the barracks yard and on the square immediately west of the installation. ZIS trucks were observed with the unit. No prime movers were seen. The guns were never seen outside the billeting area. They were supported by outrigger-type gun mounts and had no muzzle brakes. Maintenance work was occasionally performed on the guns and the motor vehicles. Service of the piece drill was observed once. No ballistic director was noticed. In the summer of 1951, four round gun emplacements, which were surrounded by earth walls, about 1.5 meters high, were excavated in the terrain west of the barracks installation. 7 The former Hitler Youth home west of the barracks installation also belonged to the military billeting area.

7. Prior to April 1952, about 350 Polish soldiers wearing dark cap bands occupied the former Schuetzenhaus (club-house of the riflemen's association) at the intersection of the south side of ul. Roosevelta Franklina and the west side of ul. Lukasinskiego. These soldiers [redacted] said that they were engineers. The unit which had not been activated before the summer of 1951 was equipped with a number of ZIS trucks, but no engineer equipment was observed. 8

8. Prior to late 1951, labor troops wearing red cap bands occupied the cantonment near Makoszowy (Q 51/Y 47), immediately west of the railroad station. Soldiers of this unit who worked [redacted] in the Gehringen pit said their period of service had been extended over two years. 25X1

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1. [redacted] Comment. According to various previous reports, WOP troops, possibly the headquarters of the 21st WOP Brig, were stationed in Gleiwitz in the fall of 1951. 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. A previous report of November 1951 stated that the Ulanen Kaserne quartered an infantry unit and the Keith Kaserne apparently a military school. One building of the Ulanen Kaserne quartered a WOP unit.

3. [redacted] Comment. The Soviet office is confirmed up to February 1952. It is believed to be an MGB office, which may include a guard unit, stationed at the former police headquarters.

4. [redacted] Comment. The present report indicates that the 11th Polish Tank Regt is not stationed at Gleiwitz as previously assumed.

5. [redacted] Comment. This information confirms the recruiting office in the former hospital.

6. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] Inductions of members of the 1931 class seem to have continued until the fall of 1952.

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7. ☐ Comment. It appears that there was a change of occupation. Several previous reports indicated that the barracks installation quartered militia and KBW (Internal Security) troops prior to May 1951.

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8. ☐ Comment. According to a previous report the club-house quartered a unit of soldiers wearing red collar patches in late 1951.

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